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Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Volunteer Fire and Emergency Medical Services Personnel - Mandatory**
3 **Physical Examinations - Prohibition**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the Commissioner of Labor and Industry of the
5 Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation from adopting a regulation or
6 standard that requires a volunteer firefighter or volunteer emergency medical
7 services provider to undergo a mandatory medical evaluation or physical
8 examination; clarifying that the Commissioner may adopt a regulation or
9 standard that authorizes a volunteer firefighter or volunteer emergency medical
10 services provider to undergo an optional medical evaluation or physical
11 examination; defining a certain term; and generally relating to medical
12 evaluations or physical examinations of volunteer firefighters or volunteer
13 emergency medical services providers.

14 BY adding to
15 Article - Labor and Employment
16 Section 5-606.1
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

19 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
20 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

21 **Article - Labor and Employment**

22 5-606.1.

23 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDER" MEANS
24 AN INDIVIDUAL LICENSED OR CERTIFIED BY THE MARYLAND EMERGENCY MEDICAL
25 SERVICES BOARD.

26 (B) THE COMMISSIONER MAY NOT ADOPT A REGULATION OR STANDARD THAT
27 REQUIRES A VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER OR VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY MEDICAL

1 SERVICES PROVIDER TO UNDERGO A MANDATORY MEDICAL EVALUATION OR
2 PHYSICAL EXAMINATION.

3 (C) THE COMMISSIONER MAY ADOPT A REGULATION OR STANDARD THAT
4 AUTHORIZES A VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER OR VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY MEDICAL
5 SERVICES PROVIDER TO UNDERGO AN OPTIONAL MEDICAL EVALUATION OR
6 PHYSICAL EXAMINATION.

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
8 October 1, 2003.